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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO OPEC GOVERNMENTS

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1. TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE TRANSMITTED IN REF A WAS LEFT BY
THEN CHARGE WITH SUBSECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS RODRIGO
VALDEZ ON JANUARY 15. VALDEZ EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR
INFORMATION AND SAID IT WOULD BE ESPECIALLY USEFUL IN
PREPARING HIS FONMIN FOR ALGIERS CONFERENCE.2. ON JANUARY 30 AMBASSADOR

HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS
FONMIN LUCIO PAREDES' REACTIONS TO ALGIERS CONFERENCE
FROM WHICH LATTER HAD JUST RETURNED. (REF C) COMMENTING
ON ATMOSPHERE AT ALGIERS, LUCIO PAREDES SAID THAT SPIRIT
HAD BEEN ONE OF COOPERATION AND CONCILIATION RATHER THAN
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ONE OF CONFRONTATION WITH INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES. HE SAID

THAT OPEC COUNTRIES LOOK FORWARD TO DIALOGUE WITH CONSUMER COUNTRIES BUT EMPHASIZED THAT OPEC MEMBERS CONSIDERED THEMSELVES PART OF THE UNDERDEVELOPED WORLD AND THEREFORE VIEWED THE MEETING AS A TWO-SIDED ONE BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND LESS DEVELOPED NATIONS. HE REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES HIS CONCERN THAT OPEC DID NOT WANT TO BE CONSIDERED AS A BLOC APART FROM THE LESS DEVELOPED WORLD.

3. LOOKING FORWARD TO THE COMPOSITION AND SCOPE OF THE CONSUMER-PRODUCER MEETING, LUCIO PAREDES SAID THAT WHILE OBVIOUSLY 140 COUNTRIES COULD NOT ATTEND, A BROAD CROSS SECTION OF THE WORLD'S COUNTRIES AND ECONOMIES SHOULD PARTICIPATE. AS FOR AGENDA, IT CANNOT DEAL WITH ENERGY MATTERS ONLY BUT RATHER MUST DEAL WITH THE WHOLE RANGE OF ECONOMIC ISSUES WHICH EXIST TODAY BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND LESS DEVELOPED NATIONS. THIS WOULD INCLUDE PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT, CREDITS, REORDERING OF THE WORLD ECONOMY AND SO FORTH. ON THIS SCORE, LUCIO PAREDES SAID HE THOUGHT THAT A CHANGE IN VARIOUS NATIONS (UNSPECIFIED) "EGOTISTICAL" ATTITUDES HAD TO OCCUR IF CONFERENCE WERE TO BE A SUCCESS.

4. LUCIO PAREDES' COMMENTS DID NOT DEAL WITH ANY OF THE OTHER MATTERS WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN RAISED IN ALGIERS SUCH AS OPEC PRICING AND PRODUCTION POLICIES.

5. MY CZECH COLLEAGUE TOLD ME TODAY HE HAD ALSO HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS ALGIERS MEETING WITH FOMIN AND HAD GONE OVER ESSENTIALLY SAME GROUND. ONLY NEW INSIGHT HE GAINED WITH RESPECT TO LUCIO PAREDES ATTITUDE WAS THAT LATTER FELT A MARCH DATE FOR CONFERENCE WOULD BE PREMATURE.

6. COMMENT: IT WAS QUITE CLEAR FROM THE TENOR AND CONTENT OF PAREDES' REMARKS THAT THE MAIN POINT HE WISHED TO CONVEY TO US WAS THE POSITIVE AND CONCILIATORY SPIRIT WHICH HE CLEARLY BELIEVES CHARACTERIZED THE ALGIERS MEETING.

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